By the Kyng and the Quene.

The kyng and Quenes Maiesties being credible enfourmed that diuerse and many there louing faythfull and obedient subiectes, inhabityng vpon the sea costes, and vsyng traffyque, by sea, and dyuers others be very desirous to prepare and esquippe sundry shypes and vesseles at there one costes and charges to the Sea, for the anoyaunce of there maiesties enemies the frenchmen, so as they myght obteyne their gracious licence in that behalfe, haue of their clemency tender loue and zeale which they beare to their sayd subiectes, by thaduyse of their honorable Counsayle resolued and determined as hereafter foloweth. Fyrst their maiesties be pleased and by the authoritie hereof gyue full power and licence to all and singuler their subiectes of al sortes, degres and conditions that they and euery of them maye at their liberties without incurring any losse daunger forfeyture or penalty and without suing forth of any other lycence, *vidimus*, or other writyng from any Counsayle courte or place within this realme or any other their maiesties Realmes, and dominions, prepare and esquippe to the Seas, such and so many Shippes and vesseis furnyshed for the warre to be vsed and imployed, agaynst their graces sayd enemyes, as they shal thinke conuenient for their aduauntage, and the annoiaunce of their maiesties sayd enemyes. And their maiesties be further pleased & by these presentes graunt to euery of their sayd subiectes that they and euery of them, shall enioye to his and there one proper vse, proffyt and commoditie, al and singuler such shippes vessels munition marchaundyses, wares victuals and goodes of what nature and qualitie so euer it be, which they shall take of anye their maiestyes sayde enemyes, without makyng accoumpt in any court, or place of this Realme, or any other their maiesties Realmes or dominions, for the same, & without payng any parte or share to the Lord Admirall of England, the lord warden of the fiue portes, or to any other officer or minister, of their maiesties, Anye vse custome preseryption or order to the contrary hereof vsed heretofore in any wise notwithstandynge. And their maiesties be further plesed that al and euery their sayd subiects, which vpon the publication of thys proclamation wil sue for a duplicate of the same vnder their great Seale of England shal haue the same, payeng onely the petye fees, to thoffycers for writing the same, and seinge nowe that it hath pleased their maiesties, of their most gracyous goodnes to graunt vnto all their subiectes, this gret liberty, their highnes desier al Mayres, Sheryfes Baylyfes, aldermen and al other their graces officers, ministers & subiectes of this Realme, and other their Realmes, and dominions, and especially those which do inhabyte in port, townes, and other places, neare the sea side, to shewe them seines worthye of suche libertye, & one to beare with an other, and to helpe an other in such sort as their doinges here vpon may be substancial & bryng forth that effect that shal redownde to their maiesties honor, their one suerties and annoyaunce of the enemies. Prouyded alwaye that no man whiche shall goe to the Sea by vertue hereof, presume to take any thing from any of their maiesties Subiectes or from any of their maiesties frendes, that is to saye, of their owne goodes, nor from any man hauing their graces safe conduct, vpon the paines by their maiesties lawes prouided for the same, And their maiesties are further pleased that no maner officer or other person shal take any mariners munition or table from any man, thus esquipping him selfe to the sea but by his owne consent, vnlesse their maiesties for the furniture of their owne shippes do send for any of them by their specyall commission. And where nede shal requyre their maiesties wil also graunt commission to such as shal sue for the same for their better furnitures in thys behalfe. Geuen at our pallaice of Westminster the .ix. daye of June the third and forth yeares of our Reygnes.

God saue the kyng and the Quene

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